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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

JERUSALEM FOR S/S-EX JENKINS

DEPT ALSO FOR NEA/EX

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT - ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: STATE 092376

FOLLOWING IS POST COMMENT IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE VISIT
SECSTATE TO MUSCAT AND OUR RESPONSE IN SAME ORDER AS REFTEL:

1. PARTICIPATION: NO COMMENT REQ THIS TIME.
2. CUSTOMS HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION: BULD CLEARANCE AND WAIVER
OF VISAS FOR ENTIRE PARTY AND AIRCRAFT CREWS WILL BE ARRANGED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS VISIT WITH APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS. EMBOFF WILL RECEIVE PASSPORTS AND HANDLE ENTRY-EXIT
FORMALITIES.
3. SECURITY: THERE SHOULD BE MINIMAL SECURTIY PROBLEMS
IF VISIT KEPT TO THREE HOURS. IN THIS CASE WE WOULD ENVISAGE
SEEB AIRPORT GREETING, 15 MINUTE DRIVE TO SEEB PALACE FOR
DISCUSSION AND LUNCH OR DINNER IF DESIRED BEFORE RETURN TO
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AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE. IF VISIT FOR LONGER DURATION AND/OR

OVERNIGHT, MUCH MORE ELABORATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS: EMBASSY VERY SMALL BOTH IN SPACE AND PERSONNEL BUT NECESSARY OFFICE SPACE COULD BE PROVIDED. TYPEWRITERS AND COPYING MACHINE, HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT TO POST.

5. GROUND TRANSPORT: GOVERNMENT OMAN CAN PROVIDE ALL TRANSPORTATION NEEDED WITH ROYAL GUARD DRIVERS. ALSO, THE ONE EMBASSY SEDAN IS ARMORED.

5. D. DRIVING TIMES AS FOLLOWS:

1. AIRPORT TO EMBASSY: ONE HR
2. AIRPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY: ONE HR.
3. AIRPORT TO RESIDENCE: ONE HR.
4. RESIDENCE TO EMBASSY: ZERO (CONTIGUOUS)
5. RESIDENCE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY: 10 MINUTES
6. EMBASSY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY: 10 MINUTES
7. AIRPORT TO SULTAN'S SEEB PALACE: 15 MINUTES
8. AIRPORT TO RISAIL MILITARY QUARTERS: 10 MINUTES
9. AIRPORT TO AL-FALAJ HOTEL: 30 MINUTES
10. AL FALAJ HOTEL TO EMBASSY: 25/30 MINUTES

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. WE WILL ATTEMPT TELEPHONE ARRANGEMENTS AS REQUESTED BUT WILL HOLD OFF UNTIL WE HAVE PERMISSION TO DISCUSS VISIT WITH COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

C. WILL REQUIRE TWO ADDITIONAL C&R PERSONNEL AND AT LEAST TWO MORE COMMUNICATORS TO BE AT POST ASAP. SECURE COMMO NOW BEING PROVIDED ON AD HOC BASIS. HW28S ON ORDER FOR SOME TIME; HAVE NO SPECIFIC ARRIVAL/INSTALLATION DATE. EMBASSY MUSCAT NOT YET STATE DEPARTMENT ADDRESSEE; ALL MESSAGES STILL RELAYED THROUGH EMB KUWAIT.

D. HINO LOCAL NEWS TICKER AVAILABLE.

E. LAND LINE TELEPHONE CONNECTION BETWEEN S/S OFFICE AND AIRCRAFT CAN PROBABLY BE ARRANGED. (WILL ATTEMPT SOON AS WE PERMITTED
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TO DISCUSS VISIT WITH COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE COMPANY).

7. NOTED

8. NOTED

9. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. SEE SEPTEL COVERING SPECIFIC SITUATION AFFECTING VISIT.

B. WATER POTABLE IN SEEB, AL FALAJ HOTEL AND EMBASSY.
OTHERWISE BOTTLED WATER SUGGESTED.

C. CURRENT: 220 VOLTS, 50 CYCLE

D. WEATHER HOT AND HUMID. AVERAGE TEMP: HIGH 105 F., LOW
80 F.

E. IF VISIT IS LONGER THAN THREE HOURS AND/OR OVERNIGHT, WE
RECOMMEND THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY MAY PASS THEIR TIME BY
SWIMMING, SIGHTSEEING AND RELAXATION AT HOTEL (BAR, POOL,
RESTAURANT).

10. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICERS ARE: CHARGE QUINLAN, ADMIN OFF
RICHARD WEEKS, CONSULAR OFFICER HEADLEY FOR ENTRY-EXIT
FORMALITIES AND SECURITY LIAISON AND ECON OFF MCELDFOWNEY
GENERAL LIAISON.

11. CHARGE DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN THE POSSIBILITY THAT VISIT PRO-
POSED TO PROVIDE QUARTERS AT NEW OMAN MILITARY INSTALLATION
AT RISAIL, TEN MINUTE DRIVE FROM SEEB AIRPORT. SOLE HOTEL FULLY
BOOKED AND EMBASSY RESIDENCE HAS ONLY ONE BEDROOM. BELIEVE
SECRETARY AND POSSIBLY TWO OR THREE OTHERS MIGHT BE INVITED TO
STAY IN SULTAN'S SEEB PALACE.

12. EMBASSY CONSISTS OF FOUR OFFICERS AND THREE STAFF PERSONNEL.
LOCAL FACILITIES VERY PRIMITIVE (WHEN AVAILABLE AT ALL).
IF DURATION OF VISIT MORE THAN A FEW HOURS AND/OR OVERNIGHT WE
WOULD NEED SEVERAL TDY STAFF AND POSSIBLY MARINE SECURITY GUARD.
WE ARE NOW, AND WITHOUT TDY PERSONNEL ASSISTANCE, HANDLING A
VERY FULL THREE-DAY VISIT OF USS MILLINIX BETWEEN MAY 9 AND 11.
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FOR THESE REASONS AND OTHERS, WE WOULD APPRICIATE AS MUCH
ADVANCE WARNING AS POSSIBLE.
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